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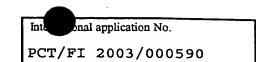
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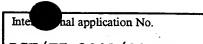
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		international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))					
		publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)					
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Box No.	III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability					
The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:						
	the entire international application					
\boxtimes	claims Nos. 15, 16, 27					
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	the said international application, or the said claims Nos. relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (specify):					
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ext the mea com the	position of claim 1. Claims 15 and 16 relate to an remely large number of possible compounds. Support within meaning of Article 6/PCT and/or disclosure within the ning of Article 5 PCT is not to be found for any such pounds. In the present case, the claims lack support, and application lacks disclosure. Thus, no meaningful opinion possible for claims 15,16 and 27.					
	the claims, or said claims Nos are so inadequately supported					
	by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.					
	no international search report has been established for said claims Nos.					
	the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing does not comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions in that:					
	the written form has not been furnished					
	does not comply with the standard					
	the computer readable form has not been furnished					
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	the tables related to the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing, if in computer readable form only, do not comply with the technical requirements provided for in the Annex C-bis of the Administrative Instructions.					
	See Supplemental Box for further details.					

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

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1.	Statement				
	Novelty (N)	Claims Claims	1-14,17-26,28-32		YES NO
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims Claims	1-14,17-26,28-32		YES NO
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	_1-27		YES

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

This opinion is based on the amended claims of 04.10.2004.

The claimed invention relates to a fuel additive consisting of a fatty acid composition having improved low temperature stability and a cloud point below 4 degrees Celsius. The composition is characterized by comprising a high content of unsaturated fatty acids from tall oil and a low content of saturated fatty acids, especially a low content of C18;0, C17;0 and C16;0 and a high content of C18;1, C18;2 and C18;3. It was found that especially C18;3 fatty acids affect the low temperature properties in a beneficial way.

The following documents are considered relevant:

Claims

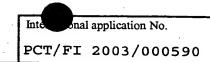
D1: EP 1209215

D2: JAOCS, vol.73.no.12,1996, R.O. Dunn et al, pages 1719-1727.

D1 relates to low-temperature stabilized additives for fuel. It comprises tall oil fatty acid compositions comprising a mixture of saturated and unsaturated fatty acids and a sulphur content of up to 0.05% by weight. The proportion of saturated fatty acids is preferably less than 10% by weight and at least 90% of the constituents consist of unsaturated fatty acids (see page 3, paragraph 0019). A lot of examples of fatty acid compositions are given which have a cloud point of between -27 and -37 degrees Celsius (see page 19, table 2). For example, the composition of the tall oil fatty acid A1 comprises 30% of oleic acid (=C18;1), 60% of linoleic acid (=C18;2) and other polyunsaturated fatty acids and 4% of saturated fatty acids.

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Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

Claims 15-16 and 27 do not meet the requirements of Article 6 PCT in that the matter for which protection is sought is not clearly defined. The claims attempt to define the subject-matter in terms of the result to be achieved which merely amounts to a statement of the underlying problem. The claims fail to define the technical feature for which protection is being sought. The ester produced from the fatty acid composition could be any ester produced from the different fatty acids in the composition claimed and would include known esters.

The disclaimer "and said composition lacks paraffine a dispergent" has been introduced in the amended claim 1. This disclaimer is, however, unallowable under Articles 5 and 34(2)(b) for the reason that it adds subject-matter which goes beyond the disclosure of the international application as originally filed. Neither the disclaimer nor the subjectmatter excluding it from the scope of the claim have a basis in the application as filed. A disclaimer may be allowable if restores novelty by delimiting a claim against accidental anticipation but not if it is relevant for the assessment of inventive step.

Supplemental Box

In case the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient. Continuation of: Box V

It also comprises a paraffin dispergent which has the function of being a cold stabilizing additive. It has a cloud point of -27 degrees Celsius (see page 19, table 2, ex. V8).

D2 discloses a low-temperature stable fuel additive comprising a soybean oil having an increased concentration methyl esters of unsaturated fatty acids and having a cloud point of -16 degrees Celsius. A small concentration of methyl esters of saturated fatty acids and a high concentration of methyl octadecatrienoate (C18;3) was found to be of importance for the low-temperature properties of the additive (see page 1720, right column and page 1721, left column). Table 1 page 1720 discloses a composition of methyl esters of fatty acids composed of 4.3% C16;0, 1.3% of C18;0, 30.3% of C18;1, 49.6% of C18;1, 11.9% of C18;3 and 2% of methyl esters of other fatty acids.

D1 is considered to represent the closest prior art.

The subject-matter of the claimed invention differ from the fuel additive of D1 in that no paraffin dispergent has been added and the composition is based on purely fatty acids.

The problem to be solved is therefore to prepare a coldstable fuel additive composition which has a reduced potential interaction with other materials and limited separation.

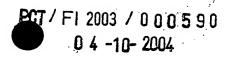
It is not considered obvious to a person skilled in the art to use the teachings from D1 together with prior-art as specified in D2 in order to achieve a low-temperature stable fuel additive consisting of less than 3% saturated fatty acids, more than 10% C18;3 fatty acids, more than 30% C18;2 fatty acids and less than 35% C18;1 fatty acids.

Accordingly, the composition and process as claimed in claims 1-14, 17-26 and 28-32 are novel are considered to involve an Inventive step and has industrial applicability. The claims are however not allowable because of the disclaimer which has been introduced in the amended claim 1 (see Box VIII).

Claims

- 1. A fatty acid composition **characterized** in that said composition contains less than 3 % saturated fatty acids, more than 10 % C18;3 fatty acids, more than 30 % C18;2 fatty acids and less than 35 % C18;1 fatty acids, said fatty acids providing improved low temperature stability of the composition, and that the cloud point of said fatty acid composition is lower than °C, and said composition lacks a paraffine dispergent.
- 2. A fatty acid composition according to claim 1 **characterized** in that said fatty acids are derived from plant sources.
- 3. A fatty acid composition according to claim 1 or 2 characterized in that said fatty acids are derived from tall oil or vegetable sources.
- 4. A fatty acid composition according to claim 1, 2 or 3 characterized in that the composition contains less than 1.5 % saturated fatty acids and more than 90 %, preferably more than 95 %, more preferably more than 98 % unsaturated fatty acids.
- 5. A fatty acid composition according to claim 4 characterized in that the content of the C18;3 fatty acids is more than 15 %, preferably more than 20 %, more preferably more than 25 %.
- 6. A fatty acid composition according to claim 5 characterized in that said C18;3 fatty acid is pinolenic acid.
- 7. A fatty acid composition according to claim 4 or 5 characterized in that the total content of C16;0, C17;0 and C18;0 fatty acids is less than 2.2 %, more preferably less than 1 %, most preferably less than 0.5 %,
- 8. A fatty acid composition according to claim 4 characterized in that the content of C20;0 fatty acids is less than 1 %, preferably less than 0.5 %.
- 9. A fatty acid composition according to claim 4 characterized in that the content of the resin acids is less than 5 %, preferably less than 2 %, more preferably less than 1 %.

- 10. A fatty acid composition according to claim 4 characterized in that the content of the C18;2 fatty acids is more than 40 %, preferably more than 50 %.
- 11. A fatty acid composition according to claim 4 characterized in that the content of the C18;1 fatty acids is less than 25 %, preferably less than 20 %.
- 12. A fatty acid composition according to any one of the preceding claims **characterized** in that the composition contains more than 10 %, preferably more than 15 % C18;3 fatty acids and more than 30-%, preferably more than 40 % C18;2 fatty acids and less than 1-%, preferably less than 0.5 % C18;0 fatty acids and less than 2 %, preferably less than 1 % resin acids and the total of saturated fatty acids is less than 1.5 %.
- 13. A fatty acid composition according to any one of the preceding claims having a cloud point factor below 0.28 calculated according to the equation I $Cp_{fac} = A \cdot [C16;0] + B \cdot [C17;0] + C \cdot [C18;0] + D \cdot [C20;0] + E \cdot [C18;1] + F \cdot [C18;2] + G \cdot [C18;3] + H \cdot [Resin]$, wherein [C16;0] means concentration of C16 saturated fatty acids, [C17;0] means concentration of C17 saturated fatty acids, [C18;0] means concentration of C18 saturated fatty acids, [C20;0] means concentration of C20 saturated fatty acids, [C18;1] means concentration of C18 monounsaturated fatty acids, [C18;2] means concentration of C18 di-unsaturated fatty acids, [C18;3] means concentration of C18 tri-unsaturated fatty acids, [Resin] means concentration of C16 resin fatty acids and concentration factors are A = 6.2, B = 1.32, C = 34.5, D = 0.075, E = 1.3, F = -0.27, G = -5.1 and H = 17.
- 14. A fatty acid composition according to any one of the preceding claims **characterized** in that the cloud point of said fatty acid composition is lower than -6 °C, preferably lower than -10 °C, more preferably lower than -15 °C, most preferably lower than -20 °C.
- 15. An ester characterized in that said ester is produced from fatty acid composition according to claim 1.
- 16. A glycerol ester characterized in that said glycerol ester is produced from fatty acid composition according to claim 1...



17. A process for producing a fatty acid composition according to claim 1 **characterized** in that said process comprises the steps of

selecting a crude tall oil having a fatty acid concentration and type capable of providing low temperature stability

distilling said crude tall oil to provide a fatty acid composition containing an effective amount of tall oil fatty acids providing low temperature stability.

- 18. A process according to claim 17 characterized in that selecting includes blending of different crude tall oils.
- 19. A process according to claim 17 **characterized** in that said crude tall oil is derived from trees grown in a cold climate.
- 20. A process according to claim 17 **characterized** in that more than 4 % of the fatty acids of the crude tall oil are triple unsaturated fatty acids.
- 21. A process according to claim 17 **characterized** in that less than 1 % of the fatty acids of the crude tall oil are saturated fatty acids of C18 or greater.
- 22. A process according to claim 13 **characterized** in that less than 0.3 %, preferably less than 0.2 %, more preferably less than 0.1 % of the fatty acids of the crude tall oil are C18;0 fatty acids.
- 23. Use of a fatty acid composition according to claim 1 as a fuel additive.
- 24. Use of a fatty acid composition according to claim 1 as a lubricity improver in fuel.
- 25. Use according to claim 24 **characterized** in that said lubricity improver forms a part of a fuel additive package containing other additives.
- 26. Use according to claim 25 characterized in that said other additives are one or more of detergent, cold flow additive, antifoam, static dissipate and/or antioxidant.

- 27. Use of an ester according to claim 15 or 16 as a fuel additive.
- 28. A fuel additive comprising fatty acid composition according to claim 1 characterized in that it is stable at temperature below -4 °C.
- 29. A fuel containing a fatty acid additive **characterized** in that said fuel contains an effective amount of a low temperature stable fatty acid lubricity enhancer according to claim 1 which is stable at temperature below –4 °C.
- 30. A fuel according to claim 29 **characterized** in that said fuel is diesel, gas oil, gasoline, aviation fuel or kerosene, or a mixture thereof.
- 31. A fuel according to claim 29 **characterized** in that sulfur content of said fuel is less than 500 ppm, preferably less than 350 ppm, more preferably less than 50 ppm, more preferably less than 15 ppm, most preferably less than 10 ppm.
- 32. A fuel according to claim 29 **characterized** in that said fuel contains 10 to 1000 ppm of said fatty acid lubricity enhancer.